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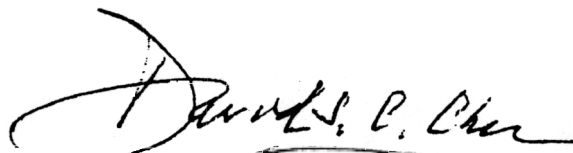
MEMORANDUM FOR SECRETARIES OF THE MILITARY DEPARTMENTS
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SUBJECT: Reducing Preventable Accidents

Secretary Rumsfeld has challenged all of us to reduce both the number of mishaps and the accident rates by 50% in the next two years. I am establishing a DoD Safety Oversight Council (DSOC) to provide governance of our accident reduction efforts. Attached is the draft DSOC Charter.

I have asked the Secretary to address the first meeting of the DSOC in late-June. This initial meeting will focus on plans and ideas to reduce preventable accidents. To that end, I ask that each DSOC member come prepared to discuss specific initiatives to reduce accidents and time lost due to injuries for immediate implementation.

Mr. Joseph J. Angello, Jr. will provide the administrative details for the DSOC meeting by separate memorandum. He can be reached at 703-693-5587 or by email at: Joseph.Angello@osd.mil.


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Attachment:
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